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John 10:30 I and my Father are one.

John 12:45 And he that seeth me seeth my Father.

John 17:23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be perfected into one.

THEME:- The Vital Oneness of Jesus Christ.

INTRO:- Not a full consideration of the theme intended but but such as shall be helpful. The metaphysical and doctrinal presentation set aside for the more simple and practical.

I. Christ's Vital Oneness Considered.

1. Christ's oneness with God.
God was in Him as in no other man. In Him the the Word became flesh.
A spiritual union; the Godman. The Son of God.

2. Christ's oneness with man.
a/His human completeness. Identification with humanity
b/ His human perfectness. The Son of Man.

II. In His Vital Oneness Christ perfectly represents

1. God to man. In character and will.

2. Man to himself.
a/ X is the typical human being. Man's perfect self is realized in Christ who is the only perfectly natural man.
b/ The character and will of God as revealed to us in Christ are the character and will in man which alone can make him perfect. There is but one perfect moral standard.

III. In His Vital Oneness Christ shows forth a Sympathy

1. A sympathy with God. John 4:32 My meat is to do the will to

2.Christ's Vital Oneness.

III.1. will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work.
a/ in His estimate of sin. Condemned and shunned sin.
b/ in His desire to save men from sin.

2.A sympathy with man.
a/ Shared our nature and experiences.
b/ Unselfish and penetrating sympathy.

IV. <u>In Christ is Realized a Reconciliation</u>

1.Between God and man. 1 Tim. 2:5 For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.
God's singleness of purpose in natural law, in revealed law, and in grace; showing forth His hatred of sin and His love for mankind. Fatherhood of God

2.Between men, one with another. Brotherhood of man.

V. <u>The Oneness of Christ completed in His Death.</u>

1.The Cross represents God
a/ sharing with us to the utmost.
b/ proving that His will is our righteousness.
c/ bearing our sins and our sorrows.
d/ coming into our human race and becoming a part of its history
e/

2. The Cross represents Christ
a/ in absolute submission to God.
b/ in absolute love for men.

3.The Cross represents our Way to God and Perfect Being.
a/ In absolute submission to Christ.
b/ In absolute love for our fellow men.
c/ By the process of dying unto the sin of our own selfishness, lust, disobedience, and unbelief; and of our living unto the righteousness of God in His holiness, justice, truth, mercy, and love.

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GODLIKENESS OF MAN.

We think Thy thots, O mighty God!
Thy thots that thrill thru space afar,
That hold in place each twinkling star,
And permeate the teeming sod.

We think Thy thots and live Thy life;
Our souls are fathered by Thine own,
And high as is Thy holy throne,
So high we mount from sin and strife.

We live Thy life, and love Thy love;
The tendrils of our souls entwine,
Entwines and draws us all above,
Our fellow men, as love divine.

We think and live and love and grow
Like Thee, in ever brightening ways;
We are God-kind, and all our days
Are in His hands who made us so."

Leroy T. Weeks.